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Hon. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk SC Public Service Commission Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia SC 29211

> Re: Dockets 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E, 2019-186-E Act 62 Independent Evaluator

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On August 21, 2019, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issued a directive in Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E, and 2019-186-E requesting that parties in these dockets provide comments regarding the public interviews for a third-party consultant.

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE") and South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ("CCL") do not have specific comments or recommendations regarding the candidates or their interviews at this time, but SACE and CCL greatly appreciate the Commission's timely, thoughtful, and transparent response to the concerns Intervenors expressed regarding the Commission's initial selection. SACE and CCL thank the Commission for its adoption of an open and transparent interview process that allowed for feedback and input from interested parties. SACE and CCL also appreciate the Commission's diligent efforts to evaluate potential conflicts of interest for each candidate. These steps should help ensure that the Commission selects an evaluator who is both qualified and independent, as required by the Energy Freedom Act, § 58-41-20(I).

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on this process.

Very truly yours,

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